

MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY

August 14, 1997

I. Call to Order.

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by the Chair at 10:07 a.m. at the Lodge at Ed Davis Park, Towsley Canyon in Newhall, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Anton Calleia, Mr. George Carvalho, Mr. Jerome Daniel, Vice-Chair, Mr. Rick Putnam, Chair. Quorum present.

Representing the staff were:

Ms. Rorie Skei, Assistant Executive Officer, Mr. Robert Barr, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 30, 1997.

An amendment to the minutes was made: Gary Olsena should read Gary Olsen. Then on motion of Mr. Calleia, duly seconded, the amended minutes of January 30, 1997, were approved.

Mr. Barr was welcomed as the new Board Secretary for the JPA, SMMC, and MRCA.

Members of the public present:

Mr. Don Mullaly: Citizen spoke on agenda items V, X, XII.

Ms. Marsha McLean: President of Santa Clarita Valley Canyon Preservation Committee, and Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Canyon Theater Guild spoke on no agenda items.

Mr. David Stears: Santa Clarita Repertory Theater spoke on agenda items X, XII.

Mr. Don Williams: City of Santa Clarita spoke on agenda item VIII.

Mr. Mike Rubin: City of Santa Clarita spoke on agenda item IV.

Mr. Paul Higgins: President of Friends of Mentryville spoke on agenda item VII.

IV. Status Report on City of Santa Clarita Annexation Proposal.

Public Comment:

Mr. Rubin reported that little progress had been made within the past six months.

Mr. Rubin responded to Mr. Putnam's inquiry about LAFCO by stating that the pre-zoning must be made for LAFCO to move on this case.

Authority:

Mr. Putnam inquired about putting the case before LAFCO.

V. Status Report on City of Santa Clarita/Rivendale Property.

Public Comment:

This item was discussed.

Authority:

Mr. Putnam reported that no decisions on cases for the Rivendale property have been made for two reasons: (1) due to the need to assure the activities and uses are compatible with the current development, which includes the annexation issue, and (2) the funding issue for the planning of the entire site.

VI. East Canyon Wildlife Corridor Reforestation project, Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant application status.

Public Comment:

None.

Authority:

Ms. Skei reported that CALTRANS had not approved this grant application. However, the Conservancy Board did approve the use of funding for tree planting to be drawn from funds in Proposition A.

VII. Report on Santa Clarita Woodlands acquisition and improvement projects, including East Canyon and Mentryville.

Public Comment:

This item was discussed.

Authority:

Ms. Skei reported that the Conservancy approved funding for improvements to East Canyon and Mentryville. Requests for qualifications from historical architects and engineering firms are being reviewed for consultant and reconstruction services at Mentryville.

VIII. Report on removal of Towsley Canyon from Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Siting Element.

Public Comment:

Mr. Williams reported that the County Board of Supervisors has removed Towsley Canyon from consideration.

Authority:

This item was discussed.

IX. Report on Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Development Agreement pending before the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission.

Public Comment:

None.

Authority:

This item was discussed.

X. Consideration of Resolution supporting public and timely dedication of open space and trails in new development projects, including the Newhall Ranch.

Public Comment:

This item was discussed.

Authority:

This item was discussed. On motion of Mr. Calleia, duly seconded, the Authority unanimously adopted the amended version of Resolution No. 97-02.

(The full text of the resolution is on file with the Authority.)

- XI. Consideration of Resolution authorizing preparation and presentation of informational brochure on Santa Clarita Woodlands resources, public access and events, cooperative public agencies, and relationship to other potential parkland.**

Public Comment:

None.

Authority:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Authority unanimously adopted Resolution No. 97-03.

(The full text of the resolution is on file with the Authority.)

- XII. Public comment on any matter not on the agenda.**

This item was discussed.

Authority:

This item was discussed.

- XIII. Statements, responses, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.**

This item was discussed.

- XIV. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.**

A special meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 20th, 1997 at the Lodge at Ed Davis Park, Towsley Canyon in Newhall, California.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Officer



RICK PUTNAM
Chair